Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1-8. (Canceled).
- 9. (New) A ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, comprising:
 - a disk-shaped ceramic substrate; and
- a heat-generation pattern disposed on a surface of said disk-shaped ceramic substrate,

wherein said disk-shaped ceramic substrate has a diameter of 200 mm or more and said disk-shaped ceramic substrate is made of at least one selected from a group essentially consisting of nitride ceramics and carbide ceramics; and

said heat-generation pattern has a bending portion which describes an arc having a curvature radius within a range of 0.1 mm to 20 mm; and

a semiconductor wafer is heated on a surface opposite to the surface of the ceramic substrate forming the heat-generating body.

- 10. (New) The ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 9, wherein through-holes for inserting support pins are formed on the ceramic substrate.
- 11. (New) The ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 9, wherein the bending pattern is arranged along outer regions of said disk-shaped ceramic substrate.
- 12. (New) The ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 9, wherein a pattern width in the bending portion of the heat-generation pattern is generally constant.





- 13. (New) The ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 9, wherein the ceramic heater is used within a temperature range from 150 to 800°C.
- 14. (New) The ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 9, wherein the ceramic substrate has a diameter more than or equal to 300 mm.
- 15. (New) The ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 9, wherein the ceramic substrate is made of aluminum nitride or silicon carbide.
- 16. (New) A ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, comprising:

a disk-shaped ceramic substrate; and

a heat-generation pattern disposed within said disk-shaped ceramic substrate,
wherein said disk-shaped ceramic substrate has a diameter of 200 mm or more
and said disk-shaped ceramic substrate is made of at least one selected from a group
essentially consisting of nitride ceramics and carbide ceramics; and

said heat-generation pattern has a bending portion which describes an arc having a curvature radius within a range of 0.1 mm to 20 mm.

- 17. (New) The ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 16, wherein through-holes for inserting support pins are formed on the ceramic substrate.
- 18. (New) The ceramic heater used in as industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 16, wherein the bending pattern is arranged along outer regions of the disk-shaped ceramic substrate.



- 19. (New) The ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 16, wherein a pattern width in the bending portion of the heat-generation pattern is generally constant.
- 20. (New) The ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 16, wherein the ceramic heater is used within a temperature range from 150 to 800°C.
- 21. (New) The ceramic heater used in an industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 16, wherein the ceramic substrate has a diameter more than or equal to 300 mm.
- 22. (New) The ceramic heater used in as industrial field of semiconductors, according to claim 16, wherein the ceramic substrate is made of aluminum nitride or silicon carbide.